

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

PLAYBACK DEVICE HAVING TEXT DISPLAY AND COMMUNICATION WITH REMOTE DATABASE OF TITLES

A multi-function consumer music system includes one or more of a disc drive, e.g., for CDs, non-volatile storage for textual title and track information about the CDs and storing recorded content, and a communication link to receive broadcast or direct transmissions of recorded content. Also included is a communication device, such as an interface to a cellular telephone, an 802.11b network, or a Bluetooth network, that communicates with a remote database to obtain the textual information and a link to cover art from the remote database and displays the obtained data (plus the cover art obtained using the link) to the user. If recorded content is played back to the user when the system is not in communication with the remote database, information for identifying the content is stored and requested when the system is back in communication with the database.